

Greetings in Christ,

By the grace and mercy of our good God, we pray that all of you are well. The Lord Jesus Christ has taken good care of us, always making each detail of His plans come to fruition. Here in Guiana life is a little slower than in Brazil, especially here in the countryside, but we are thankful to have the privilege of working in this part of the harvest field, and even though it is a little slower, we have seen great things happen here to the praise and glory of our God.

We want to thank all the churches that have interceded for, asked the Lord for, and contributed to our ministry here in Adventure. Thank you very much for being alongside the missionaries, for your faithfulness and generosity. We have received help from people we do not know, but God knows who they are, and our prayer is that the Lord will pay them all back, along with all of our churches, which pray for us and work with us. God bless you all!

Beloved, our camera “gave a nail”, as we say in the countryside in Ceara (which is to say, it broke). It stopped working and this month we do not have the photos that we would like to include, but God blessing, next month we will fit a simple camera into our budget, and then we will include photos. Let’s go to the news:

NEW CHURCH IN ADVENTURE:

Last month we told you about a pastor who practices divination and whose goal is to start a church here in our town. Well, he started a church and then we had some problems with our brethren here in the Adventure Baptist Church, because everyone liked the divination. It was a surprise for us when this man started visiting the Vishnu family (the family I helped last month to break their idols) and he took them to his new church, which, now is in the Vishnu family’s home. The Vishnus are no longer with us. After the new church opened, the majority of our attendees were going to the services at that Church, so I called and talked with those who were going to the service. We studied and talked about these new doctrines and I spoke with them about the difference and the problem that results from mixing doctrines. Thanks to God they all decided to remain with us and now we are studying about the strange doctrines that exist in this movement.

STUDIES ABOUT RELIGIONS:

Our brothers have faced verbal challenges to their faith from people of other faiths who have tried to convert them to other religions. Many of our brothers face these situations within their own families. It has been a struggle because even though there is no physical persecution of Christians here in Guiana, there are those of other faiths who are very active in teaching and promoting their religion. The other day we were in a taxi, and the driver had

decided to try to convert us to his religion, especially when we told him we were Christian Missionaries. By God's mercy, and through the help of the Holy Spirit, we responded to him with respect, even though many times he became quite agitated. In the end, he gave up and said we were Christians who "understood" things. I am studying other religions right now and have prepared the Baptist Church members to respond to the challenges, questions and even false accusations they have received about the Christian faith. Last week one of our sisters confessed to me that she had had a "fight" with a nephew of hers who lives in her house regarding a challenge to her faith that he had made. This was not our intent. She knew how to answer him, and her nephew did not insist. We have to work now on the way that they should speak. Please pray for our brethren.

GROUP OF BRAZILIANS:

Our hearts are overflowing with joy, because in the upcoming month we will be receiving a group of brothers from two churches in Ceara. The Caucaia Bible Church and the Maranatha Bible Baptist Church will be sending nine people to help our Guianese brothers in the capital and the countryside. They will be organizing a Pastors' conference in Georgetown, the capital, and in the countryside they will be doing a well-planned Vacation Bible School (they are even studying English) along with a special service in the Adventure Baptist Church. Thank you for planning to come. Your willingness and dedication are already serving as an example to us here, and I am sure that our Pastors and brothers will be benefitted spiritually.

BAPTISMS:

At the beginning of the next month we will have baptisms. They will be the first since we arrived here. We are very happy to see people interested in publicly demonstrating their faith in Christ, and identifying themselves with our Lord through baptism. Next month we will send you the photos.

VISA:

Our visa is still being processed. We have already been called two times. When we arrive at the immigration office, something happens and they say we were called by mistake. Well, I understand this as God's intervention. I believe that all will work out, but we continue to ask for your prayers so that they will give us our visa once for all.

FAMILY:

We are well, thanks be to God. The children are well, but now that the inconvenience of the mosquitoes has passed, another group of pests has arrived! They are some miniscule little bugs that hide in one's clothing and

mattresses. They leave us full of bites that are very itchy! Ithiel is the one who has suffered the most, as he has these bites everywhere. We have used some creams, which are the only treatment. Overall we are well. Ithiel continues to do well in school, and Ethan has learned to speak. His speech is a mixture of English, and Portuguese all rolled together, so sometimes he speaks a language that not even we understand (hah hah hah), but he is growing. Fabiana has really gotten involved with the women in our little city, and has taught them how to make some Brazilian meals that they have really enjoyed. She has done a good job of making friends with these women and some have even come to the church. Evangelism with a taste of Brazilian cuisine!

Thank you for praying for my family. Your prayers strengthen and encourage us very much. If you have a question or doubt, contact us at the addresses, which I will provide below. God bless you all.

In the Lord Jesus,

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